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Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 *et seq.*, Applicants respectfully bring the following document, listed on the attached form PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application:

- (1) DE 200 10 913 U1, which was published on April 12, 2001. A machine-translation of the description and claims is included. The machine-translation is provided by <http://ep.espacenet.com/>, and Applicants make no representations or admissions as to its accuracy or the information contained therein.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the materials cited and indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 and including a copy of the initialed form in the next official communication.

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Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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